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ER told to treat VIP faster: Doc

Queue-jumping probe.

Doctor tells public inquiry order came from U of A hospital executive

An Alberta emergency room doctor says medical staff in a busy ER were once pressured to provide care for a "VIP" ahead of a waiting room full of very sick people.

Dr. Paul Parks told a public inquiry Wednesday that the order came from an executive at the University of Alberta hospital in Edmonton in the fall of

"The executive on call called down to the triage nurse and essentially indicated that there was a VIP in the waiting room and that VIP should be moved into an emergency bed im-mediately and taken care of," testified Parks, who is now the

"The tone was definitely not friendly ... the gist of the conversation was. 'What the heck are you guys doing down there? What is that VIP doing still in the waiting room?"

Dr. Paul Parks, chief emergency physician in Medicine Hat, during a public inquiry

chief emergency physician in Medicine Hat.

The ER was snarled with patients and the nurse pushed back, Parks said. The best that could be done was to re-evaluate the person to see if the ailments merited being moved ahead. They didn't.

The executive called back and ordered that the person's family doctor be called to the hospital to provide treatment — something Parks said emergency staff would never do. Neither the VIP nor the executive

was named at the inquiry.
In the end, Parks said, no special care was provided.

He said he and his fellow emergency room doctors agreed afterwards that they would never let anyone jump a queue for care.

"We couldn't take part in any ... requests for preferential access. We had to just see the next sickest patient in the queue," he said.

The inquiry, called by Premier Alison Redford to look into allegations of queuejumping in the health system, began hearing from witnesses on Monday. Executives have talked about preferential treatment being an accepted pracunder the old regional health boards, but no one has been able to cite any examples. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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White Boy Posse

Supremacist group is violent and gruesome, expert says

The arrest of four gang members in connection to three homicides is a "significant take down of some very violent people," according to an Edmonton criminologist.

"It's a violent, gruesome group of people that were brought to task," said criminologist Bill Pitt, noting the murders increased in "brutality and bloodiness."

Police announced on Tuesday that four men, linked to the White Boy Posse gang, were charged with first-degree murder in connection to three "shocking" homicides.

Robert Roth Sr. was killed in October and his decapitated head was found in an Edmonton alley on Oct. 24. Lorry Santos was shot and killed in Saskatoon on Sept. 12 and Bryan Gower was murdered in Kitscoty on Sept. 25. Cye Roth, the brother

Cye Roth, the brother of Robert Roth Sr., said he is "happy" that police have apprehended the people involved in his brother's death.

Pitt said the White Boy Posse is a white supremacist group that's connected to organized crime through drug trafficking.

The group is based in Northern Alberta but covers "a long, incredibly large swatch of Canadiana, from Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Territories" Pitt said

Territories," Pitt said.

He added the street
gang isn't exceptionally
intelligent. "I wouldn't
call it the Mensa group of

organized crime," he said.
While arresting four
gang members may
decrease the group's violence, Pitt said the arrests
will not impact the gang's
drug operations.
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Edmonton slapped with wintry blast

Unwelcome surprise.

Parking ban likely for Friday, city to confirm Thursday

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It came. It snowed. It conquered.

A surprise snowstorm hit the streets Wednesday afternoon dumping between 10 and 15 centimetres of snow on the streets in just two hours, making for a messy afternoon commute and increasing the chance of a residential parking ban on Friday.

No final decision has been made, but the city's roadway maintenance director Bob Dunford said it is likely the city will issue the parking ban later this week.

"We are going to continue right through tonight and into tomorrow with plowing for clean-up and we will assess everything before noon and decide if we need a seasonal parking ban or not," he said.

The storm, which came and went over two hours Sunday afternoon, was not originally in the forecast, but Global Edmonton's Chief Meteorologist Nicole Crosbie said a wind direction change meant the city got hit.

"The snow actually looked

like it was headed to the northeast so I thought just the tail end of the system would actually brush by the city" she said.

city," she said.

She said this much snow this fast is pretty unusual, adding to the unwelcome surprise.

"We had anywhere from 5-7 cm per hour that is pretty intense," she said.

Dunford said the city is still on budget for snow clearing operations before the year, but it is hard to know if they will be able to stay that way until the end of the year.
"I always hesitate to fore-

"I always hesitate to forecast with the budget, because you never know what is around the corner."

Repercussions

- **Collisions.** The city saw 85 property damage collisions and nine collisions with minor injuries between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Ban. Parking bans generally last for 48 hours and requires the city to provide a minimum of eight hours notices. It applies in any area where ETS buses travel, or that is marked with a seasonal parking ban sign.
- Winter. The first official day of winter is still more than two weeks away.

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Push for donors. Blood Services seeks donations during holiday season

An eight-year-old St. Albert boy came face to face with the donors who have been keeping him alive Sunday as Canadian Blood Services put out a push for donors over the holiday season.

Hunter Kuzik has a rare blood disorder that requires him to have a transfusion every three weeks. On Wednesday he and his mother Carrie went to the blood donor clinic to hand out candy canes and say thank you to the many donors.

Carrie Kuzik said needing blood donations is hard, but they are overwhelmed and thankful for all the blood donors who make regular donations.

"Relying on strangers to keep him alive is really a difficult thing to do especially for a mother," she said. "The need for blood never ends and we know that first-hand."

Canadian Blood Services is looking for about 4,000 donations this month, which they



ed out candy canes to blood donors at the Canadians Blood Services centre Wednesday

say can be difficult around the holidays.

"December is a challenging month for us, because we do find that people start to go away for holidays, they get busy with family and friends for the holidays," said Kari Cable, a community development coordinator with the service. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

E. coli

New boss takes the helm at troubled plant

The Brazil-based company that took over the troubled XL Foods plant earlier this year announced new Canadian leadership yesterday.

JBS announced that William Van Solkema is going to run the Canadian branch of the company starting immediately.

JBS took over management of the plant where E. coli-tainted meat was discovered, before the plant was shut down for several weeks in September.

JBS has an option in its contract to eventually buy the company. METRO

Trustee expenses

School board to adopt measures for accountability

The Edmonton Public School Board will have a more rigorous process for publicly reporting the expenses of trustees and senior officials beginning

Trustees voted on Tuesday in favour of the new measures, which will align with the Government of Alberta's Directive on Public Disclosure

Trustees also agreed to transfer \$4.4 million to offset a net deficit position in unrestricted net assets. METRO

get axe in budget

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"How many taxpayers does it take to pay that \$63,000? Probably 25 or 30."

Coun. Kerry Diotte, on his move to cut the money from the budget to reduce taxes.

Among a string of cost-cutting measures, Coun. Kerry Diotte is proposing the province eliminate \$63,200 in the budget that is reserved for painting sharrows, or shareduse bike lanes

why they are needed.

"When these things start popping up in neighbourhoods, it often means people can't park on the streets and that is really upsetting for people," he said. "It undermines the city's goal to have motorists and cyc-

Diotte also says the lanes

are bad spending.
"Everybody knows that you can cycle on virtually every street in the city. It is sort of akin to spray-painting footprints on a sidewalk to say please walk here," he said. Chris Chan with the Ed-

monton Bicycle Commuter's Society said they are not particularly fond of sharrows and prefer more robust, separated bike lanes, but this isn't about better infrastructure.

"It is not to get better bike infrastructure, it is just to take the money away and it is not going back into any type of active transportation," he said.



Diotte said the lanes aren't budget continues, one councillor is hoping to paint away doing what the city hoped lists get along. and he doesn't understand

a few more savings

Cost-cutting

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As the battle over the city's

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Don Scott, minister in charge of accountability, says the move fulfils a promise made by Premier Alison Redford to deliver more information on government spending.
The expenses date back

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation, a longtime critic of government spending and accountability, says release of the receipts sets a high bar that other provinces should follow.

But the federation also says it's disappointed that the expenses don't include any from before the last election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Alberta government has from May to August of this

Alberta Liberal Leader Raj Sherman says he was the go-to guy to get answers on healthcare problems when he was part of the government, but

help VIPs jump waiting lists.
"If that's the allegation, it's absolutely false," Sherman said Wednesday.

he was never a "fix-it" man to

Sherman, who at one time was associate health minister for the governing Tories, was asked whether he thought Stephen Duckett's remarks were payback for Sherman once publicly saying Duckett ran knucklehead" health care.

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Very important sick people. Sherman denies allegation in queue-jumping inquiry

> "I'm not going to get into that," said Sherman, who added he stands by his 2010 comments that Duckett ran a dysfunctional system by clos-ing long-term care beds and demoralizing front-line workers by cancelling perks such as free Christmas dinners for Staff THE CANADIAN PRESS

High-tech rehab lab encourages kids to play

Special care. Oilers Interactive Learning Centre opened at Glenrose on Wednesday

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Robots and digital touch screen televisions in a room that looks just like the Oilers' dressing room will help kids achieve their rehab goals in Edmonton.

The Oilers Interactive Learning (OIL) Centre officially opened at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital on Wednesday.

The high-tech centre merges technology with play, making for patients who are more engaged in their rehab therapy.

"The centre allows us to take advantage of the nat-ural instincts kids have to play," said Quentin Ranson, rehabilitation technology leader at the Glenrose.

Through sliding doors, similar to the ones in the Edmonton Oilers locker room, lies the centre, which features orange walls, a wall-sized



photo of the Oilers' locker room stalls, and specialized robots and televisions.

On Wednesday, 11-yearold Ethan Lockwood stood and used his hands to guide vehicles on a screen while testing out a game called Smash Up Derby and working on his motor, thinking and social skills in the centre.

Last November Ethan sustained a traumatic brain injury while playing street

A \$75,000 gift from the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation helped make the state-ofthe-art centre possible.

The OIL Centre features four flat-screen televisions with interactive electronic games that develop motor, thinking and social skills.

hockey.

"A branch entered his right eye into his brain and paralyzed him on the left side instantly, said Ethan's father "It's been over a year Roger. of hard work at the Glen-

Screening MLAs

Summer's over. but skin cancer still a risk: Dermatologists

The Canadian Dermatology Association asked MLAs and other government workers to roll up their sleeves as part of a screening yesterday at the Alberta Legislature.

Dr. Mariusz Sapijasko said skin cancer screenings like these can detect problems early before they become costly to the health-care

system and potentially lethal to the patient.

"Skin cancer is the number one cancer (among) Albertans. As a matter of fact, one in three of all cancers is skin cancer," he said. "It is a highly preventable form of cancer and a highly curable type if treated early."

Sapijasko said while skin cancer from the sun's rays may not be high on people's minds it is a year-round

"When they go downhill skiing, cross country skiing and (do) other winter activities





there is a reflection off of the snow," he said, adding that many Albertans are likely headed south on vacation

The association held the

event at the legislature in part to encourage the government to introduce legislation that would ban minors from tanning beds. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

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Make Christmas awesome one DIY gift at a time

Day 1. On the first of Metro's 12 Days of Christmas, we look at those who make gifts instead of buying them



Many are not sure what to buy or how much to spend when it comes to wrapping Christmas

Do it yourself (DIY) gifts

"I had knitted (my husband's grandfather) a toque and he told me it was the nicest gift he had gotten in 20 years, because he said he imagined me sitting there and knitting it ... actually thinking of him."

presents and putting them under the tree — which are two great reasons to make gifts.

Marta Azocar, 26, started working on her homemade projects in September.

"Last year was the first year I did it," she said.

"I think I knitted 30 pieces for all our ... immediate and extended family. And it went over really, really well, so I thought I'd do it again this

In addition to knitting toques, socks, scarves and more, Azocar is also making tree ornaments featuring the footprint of Maya, born to her and husband Nicholas seven months ago.

Beyond the desire to craft, others make homemade presents to save money or involve themselves in a project.

Josee Ethier, 24, purchased supplies a couple of weeks ago, and has started making personalized mugs with homemade hot chocolate mix, monogrammed tree ornaments and photo coasters, a magnetic spice rack, soap and more.

"Anyone can go and grab a card and a gift card off the shelf and pay for it, and for some people that works and that's perfectly fine," said Ethier. "But I know the best gifts I have ever received have been something that someone took the time to make themselves, and thought really went into what they made.

Homemade gift ideas:

- Calendar. Pictures of the new baby, the family pet or holidays provide viewing pleasure for those who you adore.
- Coupons. Massages and dinners are ways to give multiple gifts in one to that superlative
- Fabric-covered notebook. Have some extra cloth lying around? Take a tip from Martha and wrap a notebook
- Headband. Adding a fake flower (or some other pretty item) makes for an exemplary party-going
- Recipe book. If they enjoy coming over for dinner, give them what they love.

Gift-giving alternatives:

- Share skills. Are you a pianist, dance or skier? Share your knowledge with a beginner.
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23 items linked to suspended lab cleared

Health Canada.

Companies asked to halt sales of products tested by Chemi until their safety can be confirmed

A day after revoking the licence of a Toronto-area chemical testing lab following the discovery of falsified test results, Health Canada says the number of possibly affected products is less than initially believed.

Paul Glover of the department's Health Products and Food Branch said Wednesday the number of products it is "concerned about" at Chemi Pharmaceutical Inc. has dropped by 23 since Tuesday.

Retestin

Health Canada initially said it had uncovered 53 products that needed to be retested and was waiting to hear from manufacturers about another 25 products, which may also need to be re-analyzed.

The agency announced Tuesday it had yanked the lab's licence, saying it found falsified results in tests involving a "wide range of products," including medications and natural food products.

It alleges that bogus results were provided to companies that had contracted Chemi's services.

Chemi says records were falsified not by the company,

but by a recently fired employee at the Mississauga, Ont., lab.

Appearing on CTV's Canada AM early Wednesday, Glover said the list has been whittled down "through the co-operation of the companies" whose products were involved.

"They've either had other tests done or had other testing done in the interim and that gave us assurance that these products are safe and we're able to remove them from the list," he said.

A list posted on Health Canada's website has been updated to reflect the changes.

The agency has said there is no evidence that the health of Canadians has been compromised.

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Charity begins with Gangnam Style

Volunteer workers, dressed in Santa Claus costumes, perform South Korean rapper PSY's Gangnam Style dance during a visit to give Christmas gifts to prematurely born babies in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday.

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Words of the year: Capitalism and socialism

Thanks to the U.S. presidential election, socialism and capitalism are forever wed as Merriam-Webster's most looked-up words of 2012.

Traffic for the unlikely pair on the company's website about doubled this year from the year before as the health-care debate heated up and discussion intensified over "American capitalism" versus "European socialism," said the editor at large, Peter

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"... that's a bunch of malarkey."

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden in a televised debate with Mitt Romney running mate Paul Ryan. Look-ups spiked 3,000 per cent, the largest in a single 24-hour period.

Democracy, globalization, marriage and bigot — all touched by politics — made the Top 10, in no particular order. The latter two were

driven in part by the fight for same-sex marriage acceptance.

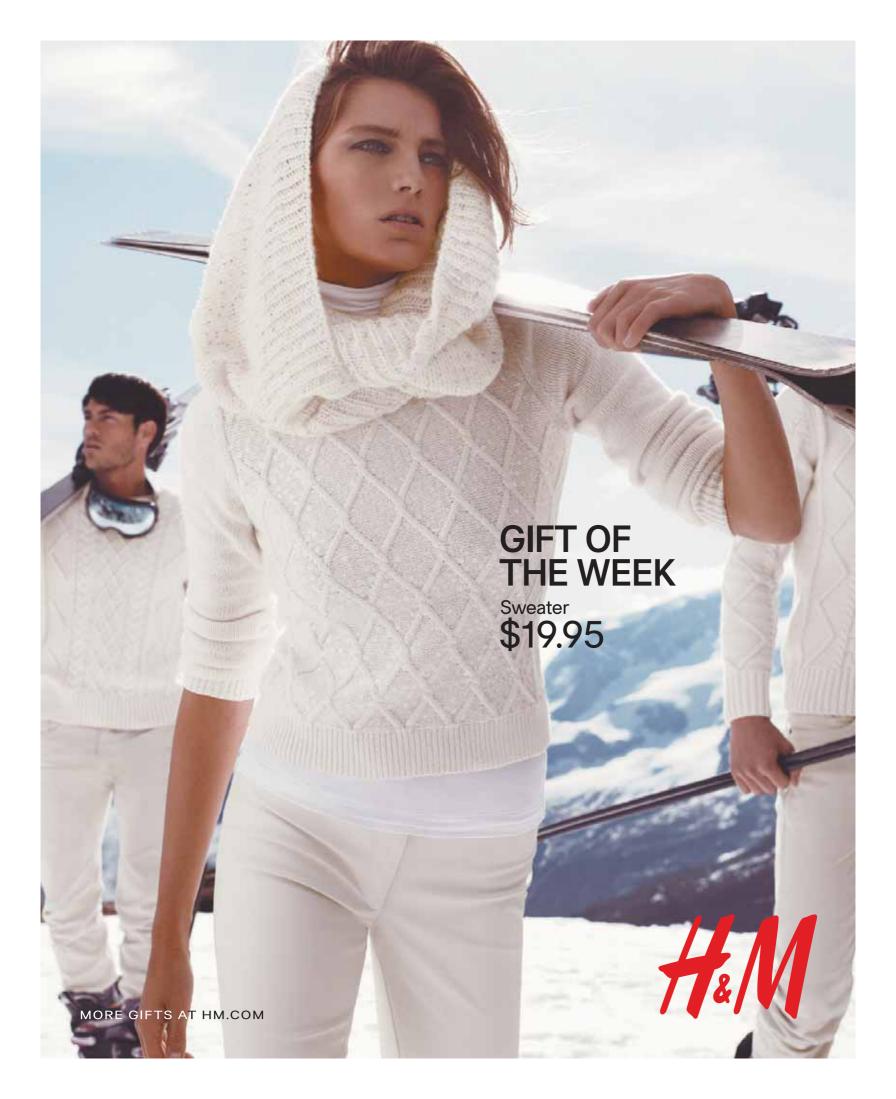
Other words in Merriam-Webster's Top 10 for 2012:

• Touche, thanks in part

 Touche, thanks in part to Survivor contestant Kat Edorsson misusing the word to mean "tough luck" rather than point well made.

• Schadenfreude, meaning taking pleasure in the misery of others, was used broadly in the media after the election.

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Car scam? U.S. regulators warn Canadians of non-existent dealership

American regulators have issued a warning about a car scam originating out of Oklahoma that appears to be targeting Canadians looking for great deals.

The warning is about Ambient Auto Centre, which has been advertising high-end, late model vehicles on several Canadian websites at prices well below normal.

The catch, according to Canadian and American regulators, is that Ambient doesn't appear to exist much beyond having an elaborate website.

"It's just a complete scam," John Cobb, an investigator with the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission, said Wednesday. "They're trying to get a vic-

"They're trying to get a victim on the hook to wire them the money for a vehicle."

The company promises to ship the vehicle, but Cobb said that won't happen and the buyer would simply be out of any money sent.

The Canadian sites on which Ambient advertises include Autotrader, Wheels, eBay, Craigslist, Kijiji and Autocatch.

In an interview from Okla-

'Ambient Auto Centre'

Inquiries about Ambient began arriving at Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission in mid-October. When they couldn't find a dealer by that name, officials went to visit the dealership at the listed address. It turned out to be an empty field.

 Ambient's website boasts the "largest selection of used luxury cars" but photographs of vehicles appear ripped off from other car dealers, and testimonials appear fabricated. An industry spokesman said it's imperative to confirm a seller's identity.

homa City, Cobb said the scam appears to be aimed solely north of the U.S. border, and inquiries about Ambient have come in from across Canada. "You've got to do research, research, research," said Terry O'Keefe an industry spokesman.

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Hit stage musical Spamalot sued by movie producer

Pedestrians walk under the marquee of the Broadway show Monty Python's Spamalot at the Shubert Theatre in New York in this 2008 file photo. A producer of the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail is suing the comedy troupe over royalties from the hit stage musical Spamalot. Producer Mark Forstater wants a bigger share of proceeds from the show, which is based on the 1975 movie spoof of the legend of King Arthur.

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Legal language update

Lunatic removed from U.S. laws

The word lunatic will be stricken from U.S. federal law under legislation that passed Wednesday and is headed to President Barack Obama for signature.

The congressional action is the latest effort to remove language from the U.S. code that has become outdated or demeaning. Two years ago Congress took out references in federal law to the term mental retardation.

On the run

McAfee arrested in Guatemala

Software company founder John McAfee has been arrested in Guatemala City apparently for entering the country illegally. The interior minister said he was detained at a hotel. On Wednesday, McAfee said he had formally requested asylum in Guatemala claiming he is being persecuted in Belize, where he is wanted in the shooting of a neighbour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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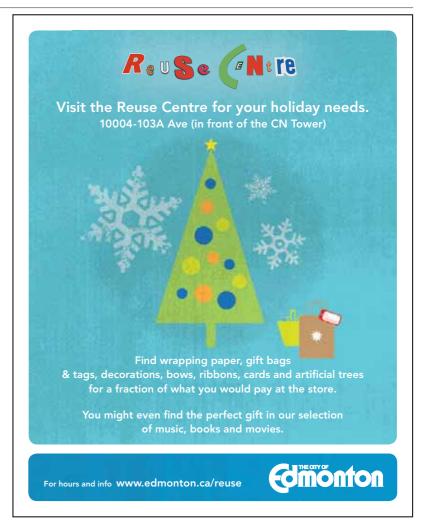
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How's Kate doing? Cheeky Aussie DJs fool U.K. hospital

Prank call. Radio pair from Down Under mimic royal accents and hear the pregnant duchess 'hasn't had any retching'

The hospital fell for it —

Two Australian radio disc jockeys apologized Wednesday after impersonating Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles in a prank call that got a London hospital to tell them all about Kate Middleton's condition.

The 30-year-old Duchess of Cambridge is pregnant and is being treated at the King Edward VII hospital in London for severe morning sickness.

A woman using the often-mimicked voice of Britain's monarch asked



after the duchess' health — and was told by a nurse that Kate "hasn't had any retching with me and she's been sleeping on and off."

"She's sleeping at the moment and she has had an uneventful night. "She's been given some fluids. She's stable at the moment," the kindly nurse informed the supposed queen and prince on the station's recording.

station's recording.

A dog yaps in the background while the alleged queen and prince talk about travelling to the hospital to check in on the patient.

check in on the patient.

"I would suggest that any time after nine o'clock will be suitable to visit," the nurse said. "We'll be getting her freshened up."

Australian radio personalities Mel Greig and Michael Christian of 2DayFM later apologized for the hoax — along with their station.

"We were very surprised that our call was put through. We thought we'd be hung up on as soon as they heard our terrible accents," they said in a joint statement with the station.



Good news at last for Ford

Is that a triumphant look on the face of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford? He has just learned he can stay in office at least until mid-January in a conflict case. Ontario Superior Court Justice Gladys Pardu on Wednesday granted him a stay of an earlier decision that would have forced him out of power early next week. This allows him to keep his job until a ruling is issued on his appeal. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bulldozing error

Hey, where's our lovely chateau?

Residents of a sleepy French village in Bordeaux have been left dumbfounded after discovering their local 18th-century chateau was completely bulldozed "by mistake."

The mayor's office in Yvrac said Wednesday that workers hired to renovate the grand 140,000-square-foot manor and raze a small building on the same estate in southwest France mixed them up.

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Puerto Rico's test

Can Twitter keep you out of jail?

Puerto Rico has turned to Twitter in an experimental effort to help reduce the number of violent crimes. Officials are allowing

Officials are allowing three male prison inmates to use a Twitter account and share their experiences of being in jail. The pilot program is dubbed Follow Me so you Don't Follow Me.

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Callous or cowed? No one tried to save man on tracks

Subway horror in N.Y.C. Did 'bystander effect' stop crowd from rushing to help man who was pushed



to his death?

The ugly question is: Why?
Why did no one on a crowded subway platform in New York City help Ki-Suck Han when he was shoved onto the tracks to his death?

the tracks to his death?
Blame it on the "bystander effect," a psychologist told Metro World News.

Or to put it another way, a "diffusion of responsibility" actually occurs, said Dr. Scott Bea of the Cleveland Clinic Main Campus in Cleveland, Ohio.

Another psychologist, Dr. Elizabeth Waterman, said the more people who see an event like this happen, the less likely they are to help a stranger.



"The pressure for people to take responsibility is diffused among the group of others, therefore, the individuals feel less pressure to help," said Waterman of Morningside Recovery Centers in Newport Beach, Calif.

Ki-Suck Han died on the tracks at the Times Square subway station.

A gruesome newspaper

photo shows a solitary, tiny figure helplessly clawing at the platform as a Q train looms in the distance.

The New York Post ran the image on its cover, outraging many citizens.

many citizens.

Photographer R. Umar Abbasi defended himself Wednesday, saying he used his flash hoping the subway driver would see it and stop.

The suspect

A homeless man, 30-yearold Naeem Davis, was arrested Wednesday in the subway pushing death of Ki-Suck Han.

- The video. Security video showed a man fitting the suspect's description working with street vendors near Rockefeller Center, police said.
- The charge. Davis is in custody, facing a seconddegree murder charge.

"The perp was running toward me. I was afraid he might push me onto the tracks," he wrote in the Post. Bea said: "I would hypoth-

Bea said: "I would hypothesize that the photographer is trying to ... rationalize his

own behaviour ...

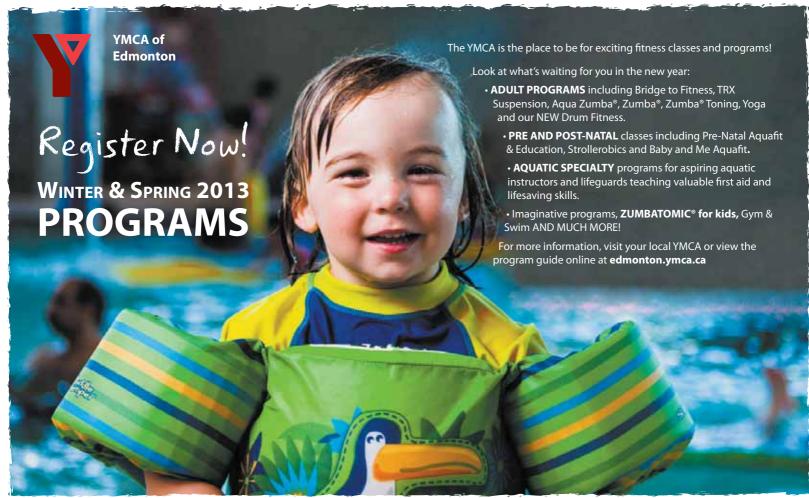
"The public will have a strong tendency to judge those who were present negatively without understanding the powerful nature of 'the bystander effect."



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Mother of 3 dead children faces murder charges



Quebec. An unsteady and dazed Sonia Blanchette makes her first court appearance

The father of three dead children looked on impassively from the front row of a courtroom on Wednesday as their mother was charged with three counts of first-degree

Sonia Blanchette appeared

unsteady and dazed as she shuffled into the courtroom three days after the children were found dead.

When she arrived at the courthouse in the back of an unmarked police cruiser, Blanchette kept her head low and her hood up.

A court-appointed lawyer requested that she be evaluated to determine whether she is fit to face criminal charges.

Blanchette did not say a word during her arraignment and is scheduled to return to

The children's father, Patrick Desautels, was surrounded by family as he took in the arraignment.

He did not say a word before entering or after leaving the courtroom.

The children's funeral will be held in Acton Vale on Saturday.

On Tuesday, Desautels said his family was in tremendous pain during a brief meeting with reporters.

Police began questioning Blanchette after her release from hospital on Wednesday.

- Police have yet to confirm how Anais, 2, Loic, 4, and Laurelie, 5, died.
- The three children were found dead at their home in Drummondville on Sunday.









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South Africa. Life sentence for gunman in 2010 honeymoon killing

A South African judge sentenced the triggerman in the 2010 honeymoon slaying of a Swedish bride to life in prison Wednesday, calling the shooter "a merciless and evil person" who deserved the maximum punishment for his crime.

The sentencing of Xolile

Mngeni for the killing of 28-year-old Anni Dewani comes as prosecutors still await word whether the newlywed's British husband, who they say orchestrated the November 2010 killing, will be extradited to South Africa to stand trial.

The bride's family, who attended the sentencing with a picture of her smiling pinned to their chests, said justice would only be done once husband Shrien Dewani stands before a South African court.

Judge Robert Henney, who found Mngeni guilty in November, did not hold back his contempt while sentencing the 25-year-old on Wednesday for the killing.

Henney said that the shooter showed no remorse and his longtime illnesses could not weigh against receiving the harshest penalty available by law.

Mngeni, who had surgery in June 2011 to remove a brain tumour, has suffered seizures and blackouts and has trouble remembering things, his lawyer has said.

In August, Mngeni's alleged accomplice Mziwamadoda Qwabe pleaded guilty to charges over the killing, receiving a 25-year prison sentence.
Zola Tongo, the taxi driver

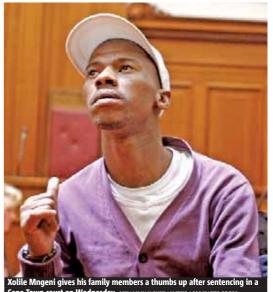
that police say husband Shrien Dewani asked to plot the killing, earlier received an 18-year prison sentence.

Both Tongo and Qwabe have said Dewani wanted it to look like he wasn't involved in his wife's slaying and they planned to have the attack look like a carjacking in Cape Town's impoverished Gugulethu township.

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"Me and my wife have not slept a full night since Anni left us.

Murder victim Anni Dewani's father Vinod **Hindocha** reacts to the sentencing of gun man Xolile Mngeni.



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Girl-only abortions may reopen debate

Old wounds. Tory MP fears new technology may lead to abortion of female fetuses

If Canadians thought the last House of Commons debate around abortion was contentious, the next one is shaping up to be even more complicated and potentially a closer vote.

B.C. Conservative MP Mark Warawa is promoting a private member's motion that calls on the Commons to condemn the practice of sex selection. Sex selection occurs when a woman aborts a fetus — usually a female one — after determining the gender through an ultrasound.

Warawa said Wednesday his motion is about discrimination against women, rather than reproductive rights. It is not likely to come up for debate until March.

The father of two girls said he was compelled to act after watching a CBC investigative story last June. He doesn't have numbers on the prevalence in



Canada

"I think parliamentarians are faced with two choices: We either condemn this form of discrimination against women and girls or we endorse it," Warawa said, accompanied by 11 Tory colleagues.

Although Warawa and his supporters would not concede a connection between the motion and the wider debate over restricting abortions, the Prime Minister's Office is doing just that.

that.
"The government is opposed to opening this debate. Parliament has already voted on this issue," spokesman Carl Vallee said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manhunt

45 illegals still evade authorities

The hunt is on for 45 Romanian nationals smuggled into Canada.

Government officials said Wednesday the missing are among 85 people who entered the country illegally since February.

Authorities have rounded up 40 of them so far and 30 of these were detained under new immigration law provisions that saw the group designated as part of an "irregular arrival," or human smuggling operation.

"We open our arms to true immigrants and true refugees who follow the rules." Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said at a news conference in Stanstead, Que., a border town believed to have been the group's entry point.

"We will not tolerate those who are abusing our generosity."

The first of five waves of Romanian nationals began arriving in February, officials said Wednesday.

The smuggling ring saw people travel to Mexico, cross illegally into the U.S., drive north to the border and sneak into Quebec.

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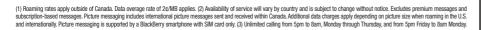
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EU slams major electronics firms with \$1.9B fine

Cartel fine. 'There are victims: Millions and millions of citizens, says EU antitrust chief

The European Union on Wednesday imposed its biggest ever cartel fine of about \$1.9 billion on seven companies for fixing the market of television and computer monitor tubes.

The EU's Commission ruled that, for a decade ending in 2006, the companies - including Philips, LG Electronics and Panasonic — artificially set prices, shared markets and restricted their output at the expense of millions of consumers.

EU antitrust commissioner Joaquin Almunia said that the companies' actions "feature all the worst kinds of anticompetitive behaviour that are strictly forbidden to companies doing



business in Europe."

Tubes were the essential part of television screens and computer monitors before they were replaced by LCD and plasma flatscreens. The cathode ray tubes accounted for up to 70

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per cent of the cost of a screen. the Commission said.

Alumina added that the tubes' cost gave "an indication of the serious harm" the companies had caused. "There are victims: Millions and millions of citizens.

Philips and LG Electronics, which acted jointly and separately, were fined a combined \$1.3 billion while Panasonic was punished with a \$203 million fine, adding up to more if combined fines and affiliates were included.

Despite its co-operation with the Commission probe, Philips said in a statement it planned to appeal the fine since it considered it "disproportionate and unjust.'

Other companies fined were Samsung SDI, Technicolor, MTPD and Toshiba. Chunghwa of Taiwan escaped fines as it was the first to reveal the cartel to the EU. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



CRTC takes on Oprah

Oprah Winfrey appears at an interview with Late Show host David Letterman at his alma mater, Ball State University, in Muncie, Ind., on Nov. 26. Canada's federal broadcast regulator is taking on the television queen with a hearing next Tuesday into whether her Canadian network's programming fits the channel's educational mandate. Corus Entertainment Inc., which holds the licence for Oprah Winfrey Network in this country, said that nothing in the channel's licensing requirements prevents educational content from being "entertaining and engaging." MICHAEL CONROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Real estate

Group launches takeover bid for mall owner

A consortium led by King-Sett Capital and including the Ontario Pension Board has launched a \$4.4-billion takeover offer for Primaris Retail Real Estate Investment Trust, one of Canada's largest shopping mall owners. The deal, if successful, would also see RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust buy five regional malls and three other shopping centres currently owned by Primaris for \$1.1 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Citigroup will slash 11,000 jobs worldwide



Citigroup said Wednesday that it will cut 11,000 jobs, a bold early move by new CEO Mi-chael Corbat. The cuts amount to about four per cent of Citi's workforce of 262,000.

The bulk of the cuts, about 6,200, will come from Citi's consumer banking unit, which handles everyday functions like branches and checking accounts.

Citi said that it will sell or scale back consumer operations in Pakistan, Paraguay, Romania, Turkey and Uruguay and focus on 150 cities around the world "that have the highest growth potential in consumer banking."

The bank did not say how

many jobs it will cut in the United States

About 1,900 job cuts will come from the institutional clients group, which includes the investment bank. The company will also cut jobs in technology and operations by using more

- · Job cuts are a familiar template in a U.S. banking industry still under the long shadow of the 2008 financial crisis.
- Banks are searching for ways to make money as new regulations crimp some of their former revenue streams, like trad-

automation and moving jobs to

"lower-cost locations." Citi fared worse than other banks in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. It nearly collapsed, had to take two taxpayer-funded bailout loans, and became the poster child for banks that had grown too big and disorderly.

After a long stretch of empire-building, it has been shrinking for the past several

ing for their own profit or marketing credit cards to college students.

Customers are still nervous about borrowing money in an uncertain economy. And they are still filing lawsuits over industry sins, like risky mortgage lending, that helped cause the crisis.

years, shedding units and try-ing to find a business model that's more streamlined and efficient.

Corbat became CEO in October after Vikram Pandit unexpectedly stepped down. Pandit had reportedly clashed with the board over the company's strategy and its relationship with the government.

While the job cuts are among the first major moves

by Corbat, they are in line with Pandit's blueprint. Citi's roster of 262,000 employees is down from 276,000 at this time in 2009. Bank of America and Morgan Stanley have also shed jobs over that period.

In a statement Wednesday, Corbat said his bank remains committed to "our unparalleled global network and footprint." However, he added: "We have identified areas and products where our scale does not provide for meaningful returns." He promised that the bank would continue to trim, whether in "technology, real estate or simplifying our operations.

The paring hasn't always gone as well as Citi has hoped. This fall when Citi negotiated the sale of its stake in the retail brokerage Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, it got far less than it wanted from the buyer, Morgan Stanley.

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Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy seen as most corrupt in EU The countries worst hit by

the European financial crisis are also perceived as being among the most corrupt in the European Union, and those perceptions appear to be getting increasingly negative, an international watchdog said in a new report released Wed-

Transparency International's annual Corruption Perceptions Index shows Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece with the lowest scores in western

On a scale newly introduced for this year's report, where 0 is "highly corrupt" and 100 is "very clean," Spain

was ranked highest of the four in place 30 with a score of 65. Portugal followed in place 33 with a score of 63, followed by Italy in place 72 with a score of 42 and Greece in 94th place with a score of 36.

The index measures the perception of corruption in the public sector and not the finan-

cial sector, but Transparency's Europe director Anne Koch said the results clearly indicate that people in the countries worst hit by the crisis perceive corruption to be widespread.

"It seems to me to be quite blatantly obvious that the lack of transparency in public finances in these four countries

has been reflected in the figures," she said.

Two-thirds of the 176 countries ranked scored below 50. which Transparency said indicates a widespread need for more openness in public institutions and more accountability for officials.

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I'VE GOT THE **HYPERBOLIC** PLAGUE, AND THERE'S NO **KNOWN CURE**



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soap as if it's a bar of

my clothes as if it's No.

30 sandpaper. You could

get a reasonable steam

down in the middle of a

sauna and you poured

water on my groin.

going if I were to lie

Not in the fun movie way where you get to take over cities and fight with Batman or Spider-Man. Not in the whisky-com-

mercial way where you whisper something amazing to your blond friend and her eyes go all wide because you're so darn naughty, you five-o'clock-shadowed bad boy

And (this is the worst part) not even in the cough-cough cold-flu way where I get to admit that, yes, men are wimps and women are warriors and that's fine so long as I get some chicken soup and a pat on the head, many

No, instead I get to be sick in the way where you have a bunch of disparate symptoms and the doctors run tests and poke you with sticks and grimace at their clipboards

before finally saying that your problem is "idiosympne-system overdrive tomatic," which is doctorese for "I don't know. What do

you think?'

Fortunately, I have a theory. I think, after many plague (99 44/100th per cent pestilent), and to years of working in the businesses of newspapers, radio and the Internet, that I've become infected with the media.

I'll explain. My symptoms point to some sort of autoimmune problem, which sounds like I'm impervious to the War on the Car, but actually means that my body overreacts to everything.

For instance, my immune system is fighting a major battle on my face right now. I'm not sure what's at stake, but my nose appears to be a strategic ridge of some sort, perhaps as a lookout for the vast expanse of cheek that lies beyond. Sometimes I swear I can hear a little voice yell "Charge!" though that may just be the mild fever.

My skin responds to soap as if it's a bar of plague (99 44/100th per cent pestilent), and to my clothes as if it's No. 30 sandpaper. You could get a reasonable steam going if I were to lie down in the middle of a sauna and you poured water on my groin.

On top of all that, previous illnesses have taught me that my blood clots too well. I'm a superhero, basically, though one of those anarchist ones who responds with disproportionate force.

Which brings me back to my theory that I've been infected with media: I don't mean that I've hooked up with Jennifer in the sports department or anything — I just mean that, after years spent in media organizations, my immune system has responded to problems like a typical journalist.

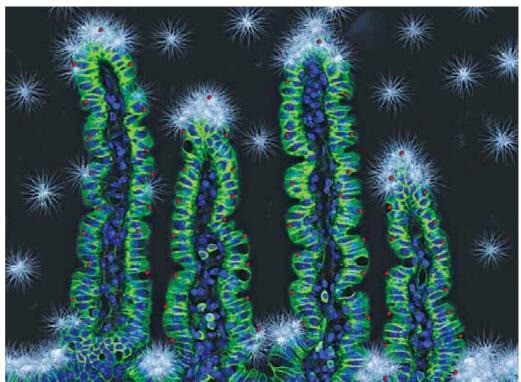
If a normal person noticed one bad thing in society a stabbing, say — he'd call it an unfortunate fluke. Two instances, a coincidence. Three, a cause for concern.

But if a journalist notices one bad thing in society, it's a "tragedy." Two problems is a "rash." Three problems is an "epidemic." As you can see, we've been using medical terms all along.

I'm sure if you were to take a microscope and look into my bloodstream, you'd see a bunch of T cells wearing press hats and carrying notebooks, scurrying around in a panicked clot asking frantic questions in unison, ostensibly at invading viruses but often at nothing — or at a red blood cell shaped like a celebrity.

Happily, I know the best way to shut down a journalist. I plan to get ego massages until this problem subsides.

My gut tells me it's Christmas soon



Science photography

Snowy close-up of a human intestine

This Christmas scene, reminiscent of festive trees, is in fact an extreme close-up of a human intestine. It was captured by Alex Greenhough and Paloma Ordonez Moran of the University of Bristol, U.K., who are researching colorectal cancer. The 'snow" was added by the scientists using a photoediting program.

Imagewas 'a bit of fun'

What is this image? Alex Greenhough: It's a study of the human intestine using a confocal microscope, to detect the presence of certain proteins and cell nuclei in the organ.

More specifically, my colleague and I are studying the protein beta-catenin to understand why it sometimes becomes deregulated in cells of the intestine and why it leads

to the development of colorectal cancer.

By doing this research, we hope to further the understanding of cellular mechanisms that determine whether cells become cancerous, which we hope will lead to new opportunities for cancer prevention and therapy.

But this image seems more

than science to you... AG: Yes, the organized crypt-villus structures (of the intestine) in the image reminded me of Christmas trees. When I heard about the university's Art of Science photo competition, I remembered the image we had captured during our research, so I quickly decorated the trees with snow (white) and baubles (red) using Photoshop software as a bit of fun.

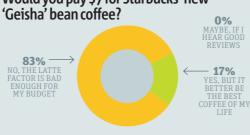
What do you hope the audience will take away from your image?

AG: That scientists are imaginative and artistic, and not the stereotypical eccentrics in white coats.



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If you make a list, make sure to check it twice

The List. Critically acclaimed play explores unintended consequences of not keeping promises



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Perhaps the only thing longer than Santa's naughty or nice list is the to-do list many of us have dictating our lives during the busy holiday season. With so much hustle and bustle, it can be easy to forget a promise made in passing. That's exactly what happens in Jennifer Trembley's critically-acclaimed play The List.

After moving to the country with her husband and children, a wife starts to feel isolated, especially as cracks in her marriage begin to deepen. She reluctantly makes friends with a neighbour named Caroline, who makes a request of the woman. The play goes onto explore how through the neglect of her friend's request, the woman inadvertently contributes to Caroline's death.

The character of the

The character of the woman and the plot are so dynamic that director Heather Inglis knew she had to bring The List to Edmonton.

"Investing responsibility beyond a list of tasks is a modern day story," is what Inglis says attracted her to the tale. "I hope the audience can see themselves in her predicament and feel



compassion."

While the story was compelling to Inglis, transferring it to the stage wasn't so easy. For starters, The List is a French-original.

"The style from Quebec is much different, much more poetic," explains Inglis. "So, you have to do a lot more digging to bring it to life on stage." On top of that, the entire set is white so lighting the stage in order to complement the

story was also a significant challenge.

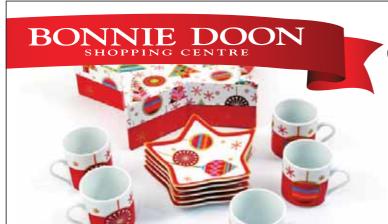
But Inglis has made the Westbury Theatre (10330 84 Ave.) work beautifully. For starters, the seating capacity for this performance has been drastically reduced. Only 40 spots are available for each show.

"Our company is interested in creating intimate performances, meaning the audience is close to the actors," Inglis says. "In

a world where it would be easy to question why one should leave the couch to see a play, we have answered through the experience we offer." It seems to be working; tickets are going faster than this year's must have toys and gadgets. For more information or to book tickets, visit theatre-yes.com.

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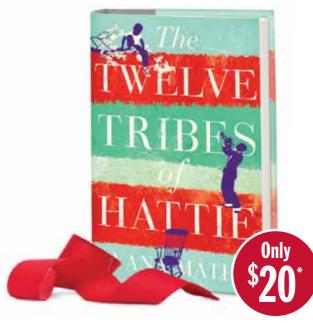






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Another great book personally chosen by Indigo's Chief Booklover and CEO Heather Reisman.



The Twelve Tribes of Hattie

By Ayana Mathis

From its devastating first chapter to its perfect last sentence, *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* never ceases to astonish. Ayana Mathis' first novel is one of the strongest debuts of 2012, and will be talked about, shared and loved for years to come.

Mathis tells the story of Hattie Shepherd as she and her family navigate, negotiate, and survive the twentieth century. Each chapter moves from child to child, and through them Mathis paints a portrait of a mother who has sacrificed everything, not for her children's happiness, but for their mere existence. *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* is an accomplishment in that even while

Mathis shows us the depths of selfishness, cruelty, and betrayal, she finds moments to let a ray of light shine through dirty windows. She allows her characters to be real – infuriatingly and often tragically real – but so real that you'll be frustrated at their failings and joyful at their moments of quiet optimism.

The Twelve Tribes of Hattie is a book that will live with you long after the last page. It is a book that showcases the talent of a powerful new voice in fiction, and it is certainly a book that deserves to be on everyone's list this holiday.

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Bon Jovi's life isn't always a bed of roses

Rough 2012.

Singer struggled as his daughter ran into trouble and Superstorm Sandy wreaked havoc on his beloved New Jersev

Ion Bon Iovi has been with his band for more than 30 years, he could be considered something of an expert when it comes to the durability of rock stars. Still, even Bon Jovi is mystified at how the senior set is dominating on the stage.

"I can't get over it," said Bon Jovi, who will perform next week with Paul McCartney, The Who, Bruce Springsteen and a host of other superstars at the 12-12-12 concert at Madison Square Garden to benefit victims of Superstorm Sandy.

"I'm (expletive) dying already and I'm gonna go out there and play four songs. How do they do it?" he said, joking. "The Who and (Mick) Jagger and McCartney. ... I'm not going to be that journeyman. ... I'm not going to be that 75-year-old guy doing 150 shows a year.'

But at 50, he's not ready for early retirement either. Bon Iovi has a couple of songs in the upcoming Al Pacino film, Stand Up Guys, and the band just completed their 12th studio album, What About Now, set for release early next year. They also have a world tour kicking off in Connecticut on Feb. 9.

Bon Jovi was in a jovial mood when he sat down last week to discuss his group's upcoming projects, but turned sombre when he discussed some of the more painful events to hit him in 2012: The devastation caused in his home state of New Jersey by Superstorm Sandy and the recent troubles of his 19-yearold daughter, Stephanie Bongiovi, found unresponsive in her dorm room at an upstate New York college last month after an apparent heroin over-dose. Still, he discussed it all with candour - and optimism.

What was the intent of releasing the single, album and tour in stages?

I know how to do it. It's as simple as that. ... New songs are why artists go on the road. That's why I go on the road. It's a three-prong play. Writing: You're intrigued. Recording: It brings it to life. And then you want to share it.

Do you see similarities between you and Bruce Springsteen as philanthropists?

My philanthropy is no relation to anybody else's. None. My philanthropy and what we do at the foundation speaks for itself and has no relation to anyone's. I don't know what he does as a humanitarian. I have no clue. ... I'm talking about what I do at the Soul Kitchen (his community restaurant in New Jersey). It's a whole other level. It's millions of dollars in a foundation that does stuff.

With your daughter recently in the news, how do you go forward from there?

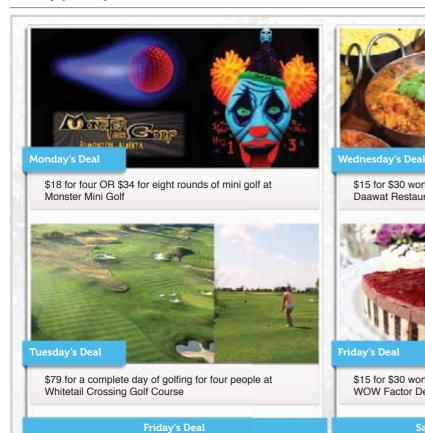
I didn't have any sisters. We bring home this girl the first day. Now what? Where's the manual? There was no manual. So you bring her up the best you can, you surround her with hugs and kisses and know that she may eventually fall down. I appreciate the outpouring of kindness in light of what happened in my household. I'm shocked as much as the next parent with this situation and had no idea. But then you surround them with best help and love and move on, and that's where we're at with it. Steph is a great kid. Great GPA. Cool school, Hamilton College up in Clinton, N.Y. Everything about it is idyllic. She was doing great. Then a sudden and steep decline. Hopefully, we caught it when we did and that's the end of it. But who knew? I've got three more to come.

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Flashpoint ending with a two-part bang

Series finale. The first Canadian series since Due South to find international success is racing to the finish with a pair of heartstopping episodes

Canada's cross-border cop smash Flashpoint is about to go out with a bang with an explosive two-part finale sending the elite team of To-ronto officers racing to stop a serial bomber from taking the entire city hostage.

Flashpoint star Enrico Colantoni said it's a thrilling end to the made-in-Canada procedural, which airs Part 1 of a tense finale on Thursday. Part 2 airs Dec. 13.

Expectations are big for the conclusion, with Colantoni admitting that even he wondered how writers could adequately wrap up one of the country's top cop shows. Its nail-biting life-or-death crises have been a weekly tradition for five seasons.



"The expectation was always: How are they going to close it? How are they going to end it? And when you're used to doing a show that's operating at nine (out of 10) and 10 out of 10, you wonder what they will do. And they did (it)," Colantoni said from the set last June, where hallways were filled with "for sale" items including dissale" items including dis-carded wardrobe and a mishmash of props.

"There's no room for peace in these last two epi-sodes, there's no room for

"The expectation was always: How are they going to close it?"

Enrico Colantoni Flashpoint star

calm, there's no room for stepping back. There's only being ahead of the situation and really living in the solution of it and (thinking) 'How are we going do this?'

There's no question that Flashpoint has made its mark on the Canadian TV industry, proving to skeptics that homegrown fare could be popular, acclaimed and internationally successful all at the same time.

The slick show debuted four years ago on CTV and CBS, drawing 1.13 mil-lion viewers in Canada and 8.72 million viewers in the United States. It was the first Canadian series since Due South to air in network prime time on both sides of the border, paving the way for a wave of other Canadian

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Good luck trying to handicap Grammys

Music award season.

Popular albums missing nomination deadline, music politics muddy this Grammy season

It's a brutal year to be in the Grammy nominations predictions game.

Sure, there are a few safe bets. Mumford & Sons and Frank Ocean are expected to take a share of nominations when they're announced.

And popular songs by Gotye, fun., Taylor Swift and Carly Rae Jepsen may land those artists on the list as well, though Jepsen harbours some doubt her omnipresent song Call Me Maybe will net

"I would be so shocked," the 27-year-old singer said last week. "But this year has taught me to look forward to surprises and just be ready for anything. So, cross your fingers for me." Viral songs like Jepsen's

seemed to be the theme of the year, and with no watershed albums during the nominating period for the 2013



Grammys like

Adele's 21 or Kanye West's My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, it's not clear who will turn out as this year's top nominee.

Thus the guessing game. The Grammy nomina-

tions period ended Sept. 30 and three of the year's top four debuting albums — from Swift, One Direction and Jason Aldean - came after that date. Rihanna also released a new album after the period ended.

All could have songs nominated, but a popular album is the quickest way to accumulate multiple nods.

Mumford & Sons slipped in just under the deadline. Introduced to much of their burgeoning fan base through

2011 appearance on the Grammys, the British folk-rock band could return with a flourish after selling 600,000 copies of Babel in the first week of release and setting streaming records on Spotify.

"It was sort of an iffy kind of year in my opinion. I'm going to be honest: I think the politics kind of slowed the music down."

Sean GarrettMusic producer on why this year is so hard to call a clear winner

And Ocean showed the kind of bravery that might be rewarded by The Record-

Academy's voters when he announced in liner notes for his album Channel OR-ANGE that he'd had a samesex encounter, causing an industry-wide discussion of the issue.

Questions surround many of the other artists who might be considered sure bets, however. Gotye should be a lock in multiple categories, but his viral song Somebody That I Used to Know, featuring Kimbra, wasn't submitted in the song of the year category because of a sample, eliminating one of its most viable prospects.

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-sidered possible top nominees like Drake and The Black Keys released their platinum-selling, hit-spawning albums late last year and they'll have to overcome short-term memory issues among voters.

Sean Garrett, a producer for artists like Usher and Beyonce with multiple Grammy nominations, said a lack of clear trends during the nominating period made it difficult to guess going into the show.

"It was sort of an iffy kind of year in my opinion," Garrett said in a phone interview. "I'm going to be honest: I think the politics kind of slowed the music down."

He expects pop stars

like Jepsen, Bieber, Swift and Korean sensation PSY to take home nominations, but doesn't see an artist accumulating a high number of nominations.

That could leave room for newer acts.

"They have a very clever sound," Garrett said.

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One lucrative hit! How Gangnam Style will make PSY a millionaire



Financial breakdown. Be it YouTube, downloads or TV ads, the Korean sensation is set to make millions from one song

As Gangnam Style gallops toward one billion views on You-Tube, the first Asian pop artist to capture a massive global audience has gotten richer click by click. So too has his agent and his grandmother.

But the money from music sales isn't flowing in from the rapper's homeland South Korea or elsewhere in Asia. With one song, 34-year-old Park Jae-sang — better known as PSY — is set to become a millionaire from YouTube ads and iTunes

downloads, underlining a shift in how money is being made in the music business. An even bigger dollop of cash will come from TV commercials. From just those sources, PSY and his camp will rake in at least \$7.9 million this year, according to an analysis by The Associated Press of publicly available information and industry estimates. But for online music sales in South Korea, he'll earn less than \$60,000. Here's how it

YouTube

Gangnam Style, with its catchy tune and much imitated horseriding dance, is the most-watched video on YouTube ever. The viral video has clocked more than 880 million YouTube views since its July release, beating Justin Bieber's Baby, which racked up more than 808 million views since February 2010. PSY's official channel on YouTube, which curates his songs and videos of his concerts, has nearly 1.3 billion views.

TubeMogul, a video ad buy-ing platform, estimates that PSY and his agent YG Entertainment have raked in about \$870,000 as their share of the revenue from ads that appear with YouTube videos. The Google Inc.-owned video service keeps approximately half. PSY and YG Entertainment also earn money from views of videos that parody his songs. Google detects videos that use copyrighted content. Artists can have the video removed or allow it to stay online and share ad revenue with YouTube.In the last week of September, when Gangnam Style had 300 million views, more than 33,000 videos were identified by the content identification system as using Gangnam Style. But since YouTube can be accessed from all over, wouldn't Asia be responsible for a chunk of the \$870,000? The countries with the second and third-highest views of the video are Thailand and South Korea. And the country with the most views of PSY's song? The U.S.

Legal downloads, CDs

Gangnam Style has been downloaded 2.7 million times in the U.S. and has been the No. 1 or No. 2 seller for most weeks since its debut, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

The song sells for \$1.29 on Apple's iTunes Store, the market leader in song downloads. Apple generally keeps about 30 per cent of all sales, so the PSY camp could be due more than \$2.4 million. How much PSY keeps and how much goes to his managers, staff and record label is unclear. South Korean industry insiders said PSY likely gets 70 per cent and YG Entertainment 30 per cent for U.S.

One-hit wonder?

"When this slows down, what comes next for PSY?"

David Bakula, Nielsen analytics vice- president.

downloads. But earnings from downloads in PSY's homeland are far from an embarrassment of riches. South Koreans pay less than \$10 a month for a subscription to a music service that allows them to download hundreds of songs or have unlimited access to a music streaming service. That makes the cost of a downloaded song about 10 cents on average. The average price for streaming a song is 0.2 cents. Gangnam Style was downloaded more than 3.6 million times and streamed around 40 million times. That adds up to a little more than \$61,000 As for many other parts of Asia, illegal downloads and pirated CDs are so pervasive that only a small minority are willing to pay up for the legal versions.

TV commercials

PSY has been jetting around the world, performing on shows such as The X-Factor Australia and NBC's Today Show, but such programs usually cover travel costs and not much else, said Gary Bongiovanni, editor-in-chief of concert trade magazine Pollstar. It is TV commercials that are the big money spinner for the most successful of South Korea's K-pop stars.

South Korea is that PSY's father, uncle and grandmother own a combined 30 per cent of DI Corp., a company which makes equipment that semiconductor companies use to make computer chips.

It's a stretch to plausibly explain how the success of Gangnam Style will boost Di's profits, but that doesn't matter to the South Korean stock market. Perhaps inspired by the pure power of pop, DI shares surged eightfold from July after PSY's hit reached No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 and No. 1 on the IJK singles chart

the U.K. singles chart.

It was time to cash in for PSY's grandmother, who sold 5,378 shares for about \$65,000. The share price has fallen since then, but is still about double what it was before the release of Gangnam Style. PSY's agent YG Entertainment has also done well. Its share price is up about 30 per cent since mid-July. The value of CEO Yang Hyun-suk's stake has swelled to about \$200 million, making him the richest man in South Korea's entertainment industry.

The future

The question now hanging over PSY is whether he will replicate the blockbuster success of Gangnam Style or end up remembered as a one-hit wonder. "When this slows down, what comes next for PSY?" said Nielsen analytics vice-president David Bakula. "Is it the evolution of a new musical style, something audiences are going



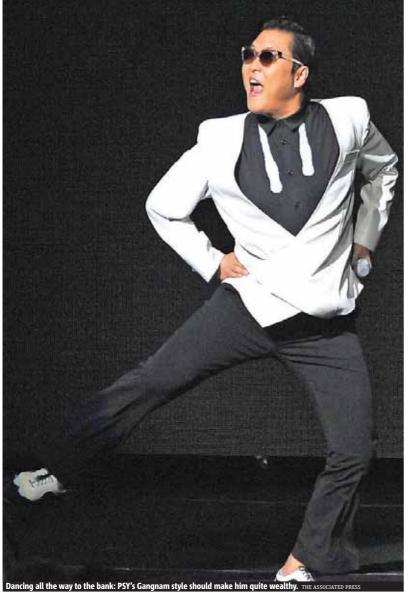
PSY has been popping up in TV commercials in South Korea for top brands such as Samsung Electronics and mobile carrier LG Uplus. Chung Yu-seok, an analyst at Kyobo Securities, estimates PSY's commercial deals would amount to five billion won (\$4.6 million) this year.

The family

A fact little known outside

to be craving, or is it something that's just a passing fancy?" Analysts say Gangnam Style alone will not be enough to propel PSY into the ranks such as Adele and may not even be enough to make him the topgrossing K-pop star. That will depend largely on his upcoming album, which PSY said will be released in March.

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Rihanna getting set to marry Chris Brown?

Anyone who follows Rihanna's Twitter feed knows that Chris Brown is definitely back in her life in a big way.
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comes as a shock.

Rihanna is reportedly planning to marry Brown in a secret New Year's Eve ceremony while the pair are visiting her native Barbados for the holidays, according to Hollyscoop.

One person not too thrilled about the rumoured

"She called Rihanna to yell at her, asking what she's doing with her life."

Talking about Rihanna's mother's reaction to the news she may marry Chris Brown.

wedding? Rihanna's mom. "She called Rihanna to

yell at her, asking what she's doing with her life," a source says.

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Laxative lands LeAnn Rimes in more trouble



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There was a time when LeAnn Rimes was world-famous for her talent.

Right? It's hard for me to remember that long ago.

Now she's just known for the petty drama with her long-suffering husband, Eddie Cibrian, and his ex, Brandi Glanville.

The latest?

Glanville is professing to a tabloid that she doesn't want Rimes around her sons, Mason, 9, and Jake, 5, because, according to her, they mistake her laxatives

"I, unfortunately, don't find her to be stable and I don't want her around my kids when Eddie's not there — or at least the nanny, his parents, someone," Glanville says of Rimes to Us Magazine.

"Mason, my eldest, ate some of Le's candies and got extremely ill. And Le's candies are laxatives. She has one in every purse. Mason found one on the floor and thought it was a Skittle! They don't keep sugar in the house," Glanville explains.

"He thought he finally found candy."
You know, you'd think

in between learning shapes and colours, L.A. preschools would also teach life lessons to children being raised by celebrity parents.

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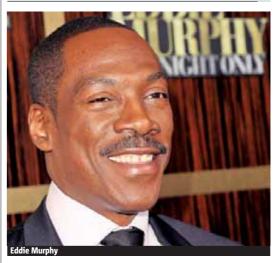
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Murphy's movies do little for studio profits

Eddie Murphy has earned the dubious honour of the Most Overpaid Actor in Hollywood, according to Forbes magazine's annual list. For every dollar that a studio paid Mur-

phy for his last three movies. the

studio earned \$2.30, the worst rate of return for a star in the business.

His only film released this year, the poorly reviewed A Thousand Words, pulled in roughly \$20 million worldwide but cost an estimated \$40 million to produce.

Second on the list is Katherine Heigl, earning studios an average of \$3.40 for every dollar she's paid.







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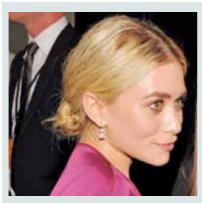


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Kristen Stewart's hair stylist Adir Abergel walks us through festive hairstyles that are simple enough to do on the fly in your bedroom, but look like you've spent hours in a salon.

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The low chiqnon

"This look is classic and chic and can do no wrong," Abergel says. "It's both sophisticated and modern and will work for any kind of event you're heading off to."

- **1** Apply a volumizing styling whip to damp hair and blow-dry.
- 2Create a centre part that is low and flat

and secure a low ponytail with a hair band.

- Wrap the hair around the ponytail to create a low bun.
- Secure your hair using some bobby
- **5**Spray the entire look with hairspray in order to hold everything in place.

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Casual waves

"It's no surprise that we often see this look on Hollywood celebrities as well as models when they are off-duty. These easy waves are naturally beautiful, laid-back and glamorous at the same time," Abergel explains. "And it's also much easier to copy than you'd think."

- Apply UV protectant spray to damp hair before blowing it dry.
- 2 Separate your dry hair from the front to the back behind the ears and clip up.
- Take the back section of your hair, split it in two, and clip up one of the sides

- Take one vertical section of hair from top to bottom
- Grab a hot iron and roll away from your face (as you roll, make sure you twist at the same time).
- 6 Once the hair is heated through, gently take it off the roller and let it set so the waves cool in place.
- Repeat the above on other side.
- Once you've gone through all the hair, run your fingers though to get your desired look
- **9** Finish off with some hairspray to keep your look for longer without allowing the hair to go stiff or sticky.



The pin-straight blow-dry

"This elegant look is perfect for showing off shiny, healthy hair, and who doesn't want that? Glossy hair is the perfect accessory to any outfit and this sleek look is the best way to show it off," Abergel says.

- Apply a lifting and texturizing spray or gel to damp hair at the roots and blow dry by scrunching your hair until it's completely dry.
- Divide the top of your hair into two sections. Take the front section and brush it forward with a large round brush. Wrap the hair around the brush, roll it up and blow-dry

- it out slowly in order to smooth the hair as much as possible. Repeat with the back section.
- After smoothing the hair out, wrap each section around a large velcro roller and clip it into place.
- Flat iron the rest of hair in order to straighten it one section at a time. Focus on the middle and the ends of the hair so that the volume is kept at the roots. Remove the rollers, comb out both sections and flat iron from the middle to ends of the hair only, not from the roots.
- Set the look using hairspray and a glossing mist.

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Ottawa

Lainy

Political Analyst and thrift store enthusiast

Age: 34

What she's wearing

Vintage boots from Kensington Market, pants bought at Marshalls, blazer by Alfred Sung, scarf was a gift from a friend.

Her inspiration

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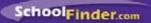


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Alexander the Great: Balenciaga gets boost

Fashion's future.

Conoisseur of cool to bring modern aesthetic to classic brand

Young downtown designer Alexander Wang is taking over the creative direction of storied Paris fashion label Balenciaga, likely bringing his cool-girl, sporty look to a house made famous by its founder for graceful, fluid lines.

lines.

The company made the announcement on Monday that 28-year-old Wang would fill the spot vacated last month by Nicolas Ghesquiere, who left after a 15-year run there.

Wang's "proven talent, modernity and individual and cosmopolitan vision of design will naturally embrace and enrich the unique heritage of this fashion house," said Isabelle Guichot, president and CEO of Balenciaga, said in a statement.

Wang comes with credibility: His seasonal runway shows are considered bellwethers of fast-fashion trends, and he has won Coun-



cil of Fashion Designers of America awards in womenswear and accessory design.

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Wang will oversee those categories as well as menswear, and he'll help craft Balenciaga's overall image.

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spect for," Wang said. Still, he'll likely bring a different — and maybe more casual — sensibility to a company founded by Spanish designer Cristobal Balenciaga, a contemporary of Coco Chanel and Christian Dior. The

Labour of love

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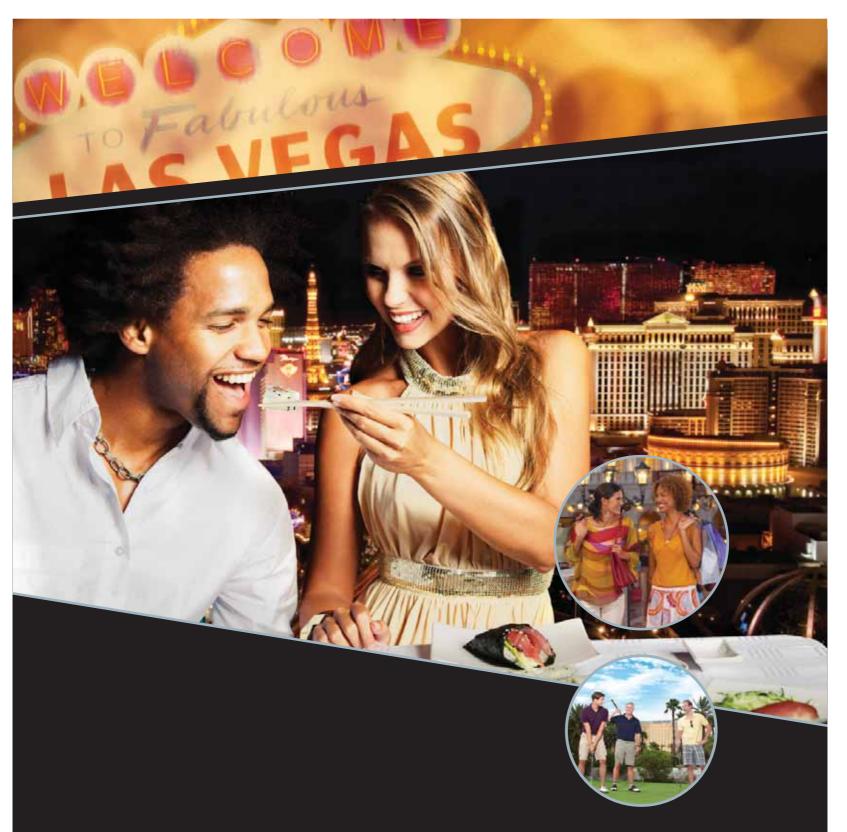
brand was founded in 1919, but Balenciaga started making real waves in fashion with its first Paris collections in 1937.

Balenciaga died in 1972, and the house didn't fully regain its footing until Ghesquiere took over in 1997 and brought critical acclaim along with pop-star fans such as Beyoncé and Rihanna.

Wang has a similar celebrity appeal and he's a favourite with fashion editors and the models. At his show last February, for example, he staged a catwalk comeback for the likes of Gisele Bundchen, Carmen Kass and Shalom Harlow.

Wang will continue his New York-based signature collection.

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With Hanukkah stretching over eight nights, offer variety of treats

ly inspired by the German Christmas favourite Pfeffernusse and are actually more closely related to an Italian spice cookie," write Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tanimi in Jerusalem: A Cookbook.

Ottolenghi and Tamimi, who both emigrated from Jerusalem to London, England, say the cookies are popular at their four Ottolenghi restaurants over the period of Hanukkah and Christ-

The Festival of Lights begins at sundown Saturday and ends on Dec. 16.

- 1. Soak currents in brandy for 10 minutes.
- 2. In bowl, mix flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, spices, salt and dark chocolate. Mix with a whisk.
- **3.** In stand mixer fitted with beater attachment, place but-ter, sugar, vanilla and lemon and orange zest and beat to combine, about 1 minute. With mixer running, slowly add egg and mix for about 1



minute. Add dry ingredients, currants and brandy. Mix until it comes together.

4. Gently knead dough in bowl with hands until it comes together. Divide dough into cup) and shape each chunk into a perfectly round ball. Place balls on baking sheets lined with parchment paper, spacing 2 cm (3/4 inch) apart, and let rest in fridge at least 1 hour.

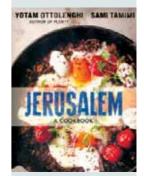
5. Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Bake cookies 20 minutes, until tops firm up but centres are still slightly soft. Remove from oven; let cool 5 minutes and then transfer to a wire rack. While cookies are still warm, whisk together glaze ingredients until a thin and smooth icing forms. Pour 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the glaze over each cookie, leaving it to drip and coat cookie with a very thin, almost transparent film. Finish each with 3 pieces of candied peel placed at the centre. Leave to set and serve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ JERUSALEM BY YOTAM OTTOLEN-GHI AND SAM TAMIMI

Please note, the recipes on this page may not meet specific dietary restrictions.

- 175 ml plus 30 ml (3/4 cup plus 2 tbsp) currants
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brandy
- Scant 500 ml (2 cups) allpurpose flour
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) best-quality cocoa powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) baking powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda • 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each ground
- cinnamon, allspice, ginger and nutmeg • 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 150 g (5 oz) good-quality dark chocolate, coarsely grated • 125 ml (1/2 cup) unsalted butter room temperature
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) superfine sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla extract • 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each grated lemon zest and grated orange
- 1/2 large free-range egg 15 ml (1 tbsp) diced candied
- citrus peel Glaze
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 325 ml (1 1/3 cups) icing

Cookbook of the Week

Unique food and city



For the book Jerusalem: A Cookbook, Yotam Ottolenghi teams up with his friend and co-owner of his restaurants, Sami Tamimi, Both men were born in Jerusalem in the same year: Tamimi on the Arab east side and Ottolenghi in the Jewish west.

In this book, they explore the cuisine of their home city and present a collection of recipes that reflects a melting pot of Muslim, Jewish, Arab, Christian and Armenian

communities.
Among the recipes are: Seafood and Fennel Soup, Kofta B'Siniyah, Sweet Filo Cigars and more. **METRO**

Cheesecake with Orange-Scented Honey — and a story

Everyone knows — or at least every Jew knows — the story of Hanukkah's origins, the story of how just a tiny amount of oil miraculously burned for eight days. And they know that, in the spirit of that story, Hanukkah is celebrated in part by eating foods fried in oil, such as latkes and doughnuts.

But in much of the world, Hanukkah also is celebrated by eating salty cheeses. And for that, there is another and equally fascinating story.

The short version goes something like this: Around 2

B.C., a Jewish widow saved her people by ingratiating herself with an enemy general, plying him with salty cakes of cheese, then wine to quench the thirst it brought. When he fell into a

- · 6 fresh bay leaves
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract · Grated zest of 2 oranges, divided
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup honey (orange blossom if possible)
- 1 tbsp poppy seeds

drunken stupor, she lopped off his head with his own sword.

When this story became associated with Hanukkah is unclear.

Olive oil became an important part of this festival of lights and the foods eaten during the celebration were a nod to this, as was the story of the miraculous and essential oil. Latkes, or pancakes fried in oil, were initially made of eggs and flour or sometimes cheese, and this could be when the story of the salty cheese cakes took off.

- 1. Heat oven to 375 F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Arrange bay leaves in the centre of the parchment in an 8-inch circular pattern.
- 2. In bowl, beat eggs, vanilla and half of orange zest. Beat in ricotta, then flour. Mix should form thick batter. Scoop batter onto arranged bay leaves on the prepared baking sheet. Use a silicone spatula or the back of a spoon to spread the batter into an 8-inch circle over the bay leaves. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until golden.
- 3. Meanwhile, in saucepan over medium-low heat, combine honey and remaining orange zest. Heat for sev-



eral minutes until thin and

4. When cake is done, use wooden skewer to poke holes in the top. Drizzle a third of warmed honey over cake, letting it soak into surface. Place serving plate over cake, then overturn so cake is on plate. Use skewer

to poke holes in the surface again, then drizzle the rest of the honey over the cake.

5. Let the cheesecake rest for at least 30 minutes to allow the honey to soak in. Sprinkle with poppy seeds, then cut into 6 wedges and serve warm or at room temperature. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Latkes. A North American twist on the popular potato pancakes

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Then in bowl combine sweet potatoes, Yukon gold potatoes, scallions, eggs, flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mix well.

2. In nonstick skillet over high, heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil. Reduce heat to medium and add 4 rounded 1/4-cup mounds potato mix, flattening each mound to a 3 1/2-inch circle. Cook 2 minutes, then turn them over and add another

- 1 lb sweet potatoes, peeled, coarsely grated and squeezed of excess
- 3/4 lb Yukon gold potatoes, peeled, coarsely grated and squeezed of excess moisture
- 2/3 cup finely chopped scallions (white and green
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour • Kosher salt
- 6 tbsp vegetable oil, divided
- 1 cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- 1 to 2 tsp minced chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, or to taste
- Pinch of sugar
- Fresh cilantro, to garnish



tablespoon vegetable oil. Cook, turning several times, until golden on both sides, about another 6 mins.

3. Transfer to a rimmed baking sheet. Repeat the process with the remaining potato mixture and oil. Then bake on middle shelf of oven 5 minutes, or until they are cooked through and tender. Sprinkle lightly with salt, if desired.

4. While latkes are baking, in a bowl combine yogurt, chipotle, a pinch of salt and a pinch of sugar. Stir well. To serve, arrange 2 latkes on each of 6 serving plates. Top each one with a dollop of chipotle yogurt and a fresh cilantro leaf. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON





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Black and gold trending for 2013



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Get advice from any oldschool interior designer and they'll all give you the same rule: Every room needs a bit of black. The sharp contrast that black offers helps any room come to life. For a long time we've been getting that contrast with very dark brown, but look out for black. While we haven't seen it since the early '80s, it's on its way back in home decor.

Black's revival came out of the very dark brown tones commonly used as well as out of the popular-ity of grey over the past few years. From fashion to home decoration, grey has become a staple in our lives, outshining the taupe and beige scene. That grey is now darkening itself into

its truest form — black. Metallic colours have predominately been cool tones like silver and nickel. Now things are warming up with champagne (a half-silver, half-gold mix) for contemporary homes and old brushed brass for traditional homes. The metallics have certainly heated up and any warm, golden tone will be hot for 2013.

Used in small spaces or large spaces

You might not think such dramatic, dark colour like black would work in a small space, but if you're consistent with your tones, then any colour can work. Black adds a sense of drama and sophistication to a room and if you usual-ly use your space at night, why not consider black as a main element.

Try to keep a balance

When mixing the black and gold colour combination in a modern space, use 70 per cent black and 30 per cent gold.

In more traditional settings, flip the coin and use 70 per cent gold tones and 30 per cent black to sharpen things up. Funny, the 70/30 rule applies to a lot of great design rules.



Organic hammered oval Angenam bowl

Hold the predictable fruit and nuts or a single candle for a golden illumination. \$20,



Floor-to-ceiling style

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DIY DECOR TIP: FESTIVE LAUREL LEAF WREATH

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Don't let your front entry experience the winter blues. Jazz it up with this beautiful and inexpensive DIY wreath.

Directions

1. Using wire cutters, cut the metal frame on wreath and remove the support from one

- 2. Bend metal frame to achieve a laurel-leaf shape.
- 3. To create the bow, fold one sheet of moss in half horizontally and glue together so you're left with a long skinny strip of double-sided moss. From there, loop each end into the middle and secure with a second, thinner piece of moss. Finally, attach tails for bow with hot glue. 4. Add extra sprigs of pine from your bundle to fill in
- any bare holes or blank spots. You will need to use wire to secure the pieces to the
- 5. Secure bow and accents to bottom of laurel leaf. Decorate with ornaments to complete the look.

- Wire cutters
- Prefabricated pine wreath
- 2 moss sheets
- Hot-glue gun • Pine bundle
- Wire
- Decorative accents (pine cones, magnolia leaves, etc.)
- Traditional holiday orna-

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Gift wrapping everywhere! Pack presents the green way

What are greener alternatives to paper when wrapping



QUEEN OF GREEN Tovah Paglaro green@metronews.ca

The presents have been opened, the kids are playing happily and you start stuffing all that wrapping paper into a recycling bag. Sure, it beats a garbage bag, but you know you could do even better.

Just look at those lovely kids
— taking the extra step is the
greatest gift you can give them.

Fabric wra

Wrapping gifts with festive fabric is my favourite sustainable option! Keep it simple by purchasing beautifully made bags and accessories from small retailers or get crafty and make your own.

Folding fabric as gift wrap is also pretty simple and the end results can be spectacular. Whether you're giving wine, flowers, a box or some irregular shaped delight, you'll appreciate the step-by-step folding tutorials at furoshiki.com.

Get creative

Who says that gifts need to wrapped in wrapping? A boxed

item can be wrapped in a scarf. Tea towels can hide wine bottles. And socks stuffed into a paper towel roller make for a fun surprise.

Maybe the kids in your house would enjoy making their own wrapping? Large bolts of cloth can be decorated with fabric paint and reused year after year. Gifts in cardboard boxes are already wrapped — just unleash the children's creativity directly on the box.

Post-consumer wrap

If you are going to wrap a gift in paper, look for wrap that is printed on 100 per cent recycled paper, with a high postconsumer percentage. Paper should be processed chlorinefree and printed with vegetablebased ink.

Bows and buttons

It's not just the paper that causes problems.

Those bows and ribbons are a mysterious assortment of plastic, making them difficult to recycle at the end of their life. It also takes a lot of resources to produce and ship them.

Obviously, reuse the ones you have on hand. But once they've been used up, replace them with fabric ribbon and buttons. Or take your inspiration from nature and decorate

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with felt, pinecones, pressed flowers and other bits or beauty located in your backyard.

It can be fun to make your own gift tags and decorations,

but if crafty isn't your thing, turn to Etsy or your local holiday market. There are lots of artisans who'll appreciate your green holiday buying power.

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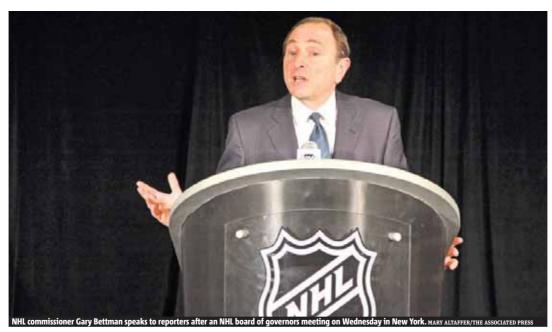
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Lockout talks gain steam in Gotham

Day 81. Sense of urgency heightens as sides try to strike deal

A wave of optimism gave way to tension as the NHL and NHL Players' Association spent a second straight day trying to hammer out a collective bargaining agreement.

The sides exchanged proposals during a series of meetings on Wednesday that stretched past midnight Eastern, according to sources, in a bid to close the final gap in negotiations that have spanned more than five months.

The urgency was evident as a group of six league owners shuffled between internal meetings and short sessions with players and union staff at

By the number

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According to sources, the owners are discussing a possible 50-game season. They felt a 60-game schedule was too ambitious given the current timeline.

a hotel in midtown Manhattan. At one point, Boston Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs could be seen having an animated conversation with deputy commissioner Bill Daly outside the negotiating room. Meantime, players paced the halls while speaking on their cellphones.

Even though the specific details of the new offers weren't known, one aspect revealed another hurdle the sides have to cross — the length of the deal. The league's proposal called for

a 10-year term while the NHLPA continued to favour a shorter contract, sources said.

With tensions rising, commissioner Gary Bettman and NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr kept themselves out of negotiation sessions for a second straight day. However, Bettman did provide a brief update to reporters after a two-hour gathering of the board of governors, saying he was "pleased" with how things were progressing. That was about all he was willing to reveal.

"We are pleased with the process that is ongoing and out of respect for that process I don't have anything else to say and I'm not going to take any questions." Bettman said.

The two sides have cleared their schedules for the rest of the week after successfully get-

Splitting the pie

Both the league and union proposed a 50-50 revenue split last month, but they remain separated on payments to be made outside the system to help ease the transition from the previous deal, which saw the players receive 57 per cent.

 The NHL has offered \$211 million in deferred compensations while the union is asking for \$393 million.

ting an adjournment from Quebec Labour Board hearings that had been scheduled in Montreal for Thursday and Friday.

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NFL

Chiefs attend service for Belcher

Several players with the Kansas City Chiefs attended a memorial service for teammate Jovan Belcher, who killed his girlfriend and then fatally shot himself in the head.

Retired Chiefs Hall of Famer Bobby Bell said after the private hour-long service that general manager Scott Pioli, who witnessed Belcher's suicide on Saturday, spoke during the service. Bell said an uncle of Belcher's also spoke.

MLB

Votto honoured by Canadian HOF

Cincinnati Reds slugger Joey Votto is the winner of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame's Tip O'Neill Award for the third straight year.

The award is given to the Canadian player judged to have excelled in individual achievement and team contribution while adhering to baseball's highest ideals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Bryant rises into 30,000-point club

Kobe Bryant became the youngest player in NBA history to eclipse 30,000 career points and only the fifth overall to hit that mark on Wednesday night.

Bryant entered the elite scoring club during the first half of the Los Angeles Lakers' 103-87 win over the New Orleans Hornets. He arrived in New Orleans 13 points short, and scored his 13th and 14th points on a short jumper with 1:16 to go in the first half.

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Tuesday's results
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Miami	5	7	0	.417		249	Dallas 6 6 0 .500 280 295							
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	277	337	Philadelphia 3 9 0 .250 217 320							
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x-Houston	11	1	0	.917	351	221	y-Atlanta 11 1 0 .917 317 229							
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Thursday's game — All Times Eastern Denver at Oakland, 8:20 p.m. Sunday's games
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Dallas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. Baltimore at Washington, 1 p.m. San Diego at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m NY lets at Jacksonville, 1 n m

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m. Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m. Miami at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m. New Orleans at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m. Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m. Detroit at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m. Monday's game Houston at New England, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Chih-Hsien Chiang on a minor league contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE ATLANTA BRAVES — Exercised the 2014 option on manager Fredi Gonzalez. Named

Dave Holliday and Brad Sloan special assistants to the general manager/major league scouts. Promoted Don Chiti to special assistant to the general manager/pitching development and special assignment.
Agreed to terms with C Jose Yepez and C
Matt Pagnozzi on minor league contracts.

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Seattle CB Brandon Browner four games for violating the policy on performance enhancing

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed DE Chris Kelsav on injured reserve. Signed CB T.J. Heath and G Keith Williams from the practice squad. GREEN BAY PACKERS - Placed RB Johnny White on injured reserve. Signed RB Ryan Grant.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed LB Jamaal

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed T Jake Long on injured reserve. Released DB Anderson Russell, Signed T Patrick Brown and DR

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed LB Antwan Barnes on injured reserve. Re-signed OL Reggie Wells.

TENNESSEE TITANS - Signed OI Kyle DeVan and T Daniel Baldridge. Placed T David Stewart and S Robert Johnson on injured reserve.

CFL WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Named Kyle

Walters assistant general manager and director of Canadian scouting.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned D Gleason Fournier from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL).

AHL

PROVIDENCE BRUINS — Returned F Justin Courtnall to South Carolina (ECHL). Called up F Tyler Randall from South Carolina. SPRINGFIELD FALCONS —Assigned LW Wade MacLeod to Evansville (ECHL).

OLYMPICS

IOC — Stripped the 2004 Olympic medals from Ukrainian shot putter Yuriy Bilonog, Belarussian hammer thrower Ivan Tskikhan, Russian shot putter Svetlana Krivelyova and Belarussian discus thrower Irina Yatchenko for doping.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Acquired D/M Josh Gardner from Montreal for a 2013 second-round draft pick, and exercised Gardner's contract option.



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T Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you start something new today, there is every chance it will succeed — so get busy! Mars in the career area of your chart gives you the drive and the ambition you will need to undertake a major new project.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Play to your strengths today and you won't go far wrong. Decide what it is that means the most to you and focus on it to the exclusion of everything else. If others say you are being selfish, take it as a compliment!

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

You now have the drive and the determination to accomplish something out of the ordinary. The fact that others say it cannot be done

— or should not be done — will encourage you to prove them wrong. You love a challenge.

9 Cancer June 22 - July 23

A breakthrough of some kind is possible but you have to be proactive. If you just sit there waiting for events to come round your way, you may be waiting a very long time. What can you do to speed things along?

Ω Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Good luck will come to you over the next 24 hours but not in the form of material things. Most likely, it will be in the shape of a friend whose wise words are worth more than all the gold you could carry.

W Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 You are under fortunate stars at the moment and if you don't quite believe that now, you will start to believe it over the next few days. The more you think and act lucky, the more luck you will attract

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It is probably going too far to claim that you can transform vour life over the next 24 hours but you can certainly change it in important ways. You are already moving in the right direction. All you have to do is take longer strides.

M Scorpio

Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22

If you feel compelled to move in a new direction, you must not fight against it. It may seem strange to you now but over the next few days you will see that it is entirely to your benefit. Trust your instincts.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Why are you so defensive? Why do you insist on believing that the world is against you and you need to protect yourself? It's time to snap out of it. Reality is what you want it to be, so lighten up and live.

17 Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Put yourself in the spotlight today so that employers and others in authority can see who you are and what you can do. Yes, some people may think you are being too pushy but better that than you not pushing at all.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If you want to make changes then now is the time. Don't take it as a bad sign if certain people try to talk you out of it or place obstacles in your path. They're just afraid you'll succeed. And you will.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20 Some people never stop moaning about how tough life is, but it isn't true. Each day can be a new beginning and each day can be full of every joy imaginable. Make love and laughter your watchwords today. SALLY BROMPTON

Across

- 1. Actor James Van Beek
- 4. Cigarette substances 8. Globe
- 11. Brainstorm
- 13. Beatles Meter Maid
- 14. By way of
- 15. Glitch or hitch
- 16. Paradise 17. Height abbr.
- 18. Vacation necessity 20. Wooded valleys
- 22. Volleyball need
- 23. "I am '
- 24. Scolds
- 27. Peter Falk drama
- 31. Bullring cheer
- 32. Food morsel for Mister Ed
- 33. Dinghy mover 34. Chic
- 37. Over yonder
- 39. Want ad abbr.
- 40. Ocean 41. Trample
- 44. Grease pencil, for one
- 48. Hit lightly
- 49. Dueling sword
- 52. Yearn 53. Letter after ka in Spanish
- 54. Math calculation
- 55. Halt
- 56. Ink holder
- 57. Oale
- 58. Winding curve

Down

- 1. Computer data holder
- 2. Charlotte Rae on The Facts of Life
- 3. Paper quantity Halloween candy 4.
- Pitch in

6. Map abbr.

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- Summer shoe Racetrack shape
- 9. Brook
- 10. Belfry dwellers 12. Broker
- 19. Matter for the courts
- 21. Aussie bird
- 23. Tippler
- 24. Eggs
- 25. in the Family
- 26. Indicates maiden name 27. Family pet
- 28. One of The Three Stooges 29. Cheers was one
- 30. Source for raw metal
- 32. Toronto province
- 35. Herd

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- 36. Implore
- 37. Some like it hot
- 38. Heavenly strings 40. Daub
- 41. Ladder rung 42. Yarn

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- 43. Mike with Mike Bullard 45. Stringed toy 46. The Dukes of Hazzard spin-off
- 47. Bodybuilder's count
- 50. Prior to
- 51. Wide shoe spec



See today's answers metronews.ca/ answers.



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MICHELE MCDOUGALL

WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM

WEATHER SPECIALIST





Sudoku

How to play Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and

Yesterday's Sudoku

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